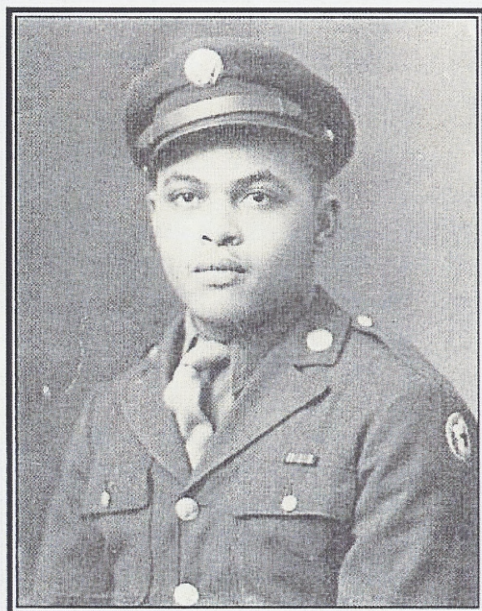


*Celebrating the Life
of
Deacon Booker T. Pruitt*

Sunrise:
June 4, 1923

Transition:
April 22, 2006



Services Held
Saturday, May 6, 2006
11:00 AM

North Richmond Missionary Baptist Church
1427 Filbert Street
Richmond Ca 94801
Reverend Dana Keith Mitchell, Pastor

Officiating
Reverend James Harris, Associate Minister

Precious Memories



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Booker T. Pruitt

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the path of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

--Psalm 23

Booker Taliafero Pruitt was born in Linden, Texas on June 4, 1923 to Anna (Warren) Allen-Pruitt and Henry Pruitt—the 8th and final child to that union. There, he accepted Christ at an early age, and was baptized by Reverend Odis Warren at Macedonia Baptist Church.

He also received his education in Linden before entering the United States Army during World War II and the Korean Conflict, where he served as Sergeant First Class in the 15th Armored Infantry Battalion. Just prior to leaving for service in World War II, Booker T. Pruitt met and married Imogene Jeanette Johnson, also of Linden Texas in November, 1941. To this union was born Thomas W. Gerald Pruitt, Betty Jean Pruitt and Lawrence Pruitt. The couple chose to settle down and raise their family in Richmond, CA.

Mr. Pruitt united with North Richmond Missionary Baptist Church 60 years ago, and faithfully served as a Deacon for over 32 years. Mr. "BT" Pruitt also became a Master Mason of Golden Gate Lodge No.11 in 1957, and later united with Sons of Love Lodge No. 35.

He was a hard working family man—maintaining two jobs to support his family. He was employed by the Veteran's Hospital, Oakland, CA, Kaiser Hospital, Vallejo, CA, Contra Costa County, and retired from Herrick Hospital in Berkeley, CA.

Deacon Pruitt's soul surrendered to his personal battle with both lung and prostrate cancer on Saturday April 22, 2006 at 9:20 in the evening. A funeral service was held for Deacon Pruitt at Preston Funeral Home, Phoenix, AZ on Monday, May 1, 2006, and was buried with full military honors in the Veteran's National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, Cave Creek, AZ.

Deacon Pruitt was preceded in death by both parents, brothers Henry and Clinton; sisters Lola Mae Collins, Magnolia Stevens, baby Naomi Pruitt, and Gladys Ola Williams.

During the last five weeks of his wonderful life, loving family members, who provided for his every need and care in Phoenix, AZ, surrounded him. Deacon Pruitt passed away peacefully in the supportive arms of his eldest granddaughter. True to his selfless form, his final request for his family was to "Get some rest—I'm OK!" Deacon Pruitt is survived by his wife of over 64 years, Imogene Jeanette Pruitt, of Richmond, CA, his brother and sister-in-law, Ennis and Naomi M. "Nomi" Pruitt, of Richmond, CA; daughter Betty J. Harrison and husband Darrel of Peoria, AZ; sons, Thomas W. G. Pruitt and wife Yvonne, of Las Vegas, NV, and Lawrence Pruitt of Richmond, CA; 11 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends, and his North Richmond Missionary Baptist Church family.

Order of Celebration

Processional.....Family

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament.....Reverend George L. Morris, Sr.
Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Richmond CA

New Testament.....Reverend James Harris

Invocation.....Reverend Damon Lamont Hudson
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, San Francisco CA

Solo.....Minister Camille Hudson
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, San Francisco CA

Expressions..... (2 Minutes Please).....Family and Friends

Poetry Reading.....Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Vernola J. Williams
Church by the Side of the Road, Berkeley CA

Selection.....Sanctuary Choir

Acknowledgement of Condolences.....Mrs. Patricia A. Lewis

Resolution.....Deacon Rhodell Nichols

Selection.....Sanctuary Choir

Obituary.....Ms. Rochaune D. Bertauche

Organ Solo.....Reverend Jonathan McGriff

Solo.....Minister Camille Hudson

Eulogy.....Pastor Dana Keith Mitchell

Recessional.....Family

~Repast~

Immediately following service in the Banquet Facility

In Loving Memory

Of Our Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather.....

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Thank you for being a wonderful example
of strength, dedication and spiritual focus!

You taught and modeled for each of us
the true meaning of

Family!

Your Children

Thomas W. Gerald Pruitt – Betty Jean Pruitt-Harrison – Lawrence Pruitt

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Your Grandchildren

Toure Pruitt – Nicole Phillips – Bianca Pruitt – Royce Pruitt

Allyson Slaughter – Niani Christian-Ware – Amber Williams

Wanda Brooks – Layanna Smith – Lajari Pruitt – Annalya Pruitt

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Your Great-Grandchildren

Amber Brooks – Alex Mitchell Slaughter – Nikoh Welch – Tod Slaughter – Michael Brooks
Taryn Pruitt – Tyler Slaughter – David Brooks – Allysa Ware – Cameron Phillips – Carmella
Williams – Christopher Phillips – William Ware – Nadia Smith – Cayden Phillips

We Love You Papa!

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Beloved Brother



I'll Be Seeing You

"I'm at rest so don't cry.
It will be easier as time goes by.
I'm happy and very content.
Just remember the good times we've spent.
I have made it, for that I'm glad.
We all know, it's hard on earth
So we should not cry at death, but at birth.
I have no worries, pains nor fears.
I'm with God, so dry your tears.,
I love you all and this is what I want you to do:
Put God first in your life and I'll be seeing you...."



I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

— II Timothy 4:7-8

Acknowledgement

The family of Deacon Booker T. Pruitt wishes to express our sincere gratitude to all of you for your outpouring of love and support through your numerous prayers and deeds. It encourages our hearts for your many acts of kindness during our hour of bereavement. We know he is in a far better place. Continue to pray for our strength to endure, and may God's grace continually bless each of you.

Special thanks to Reverend Dana Keith Mitchell, Reverend James Harris, Sister Novelean Harris, the Benevolent Committee, and the North Richmond Missionary Baptist Church family for being here for the family.

— The Pruitt Family